



**Mid-Region Council of Governments
RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) WORKSHOP
Thursday, February 21, 2008
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Mid-Region Council of Governments
809 Copper Ave. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102**

Karen Mahalick, Chair

Peter Pino, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Call to Order:

The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments

*ANYONE WHO WISHES TO ADDRESS THE RTPO-TAC MUST REGISTER WITH THE
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.*

WORKSHOP

Tab 1 **Project Selection Criteria for Developing Rural Transportation Improvement Program
Recommendations**

Adjournment

NOTES

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 17, 2008

Primary Topics: Scenic Byways Grant Applications

Results of State Legislative Session

*Anyone requiring special accommodations is requested to please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 at
least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.*

TAB 1

Project Selection Criteria for Developing Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations

MPO Recommendation: Identify a draft set of Project Selection Criteria for developing the next set of Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations and an related Project Identification Form

Background: It has been suggested that the RTPO TAC develop a set of project selection criteria to facilitate the development of a prioritized set of recommended projects for the annual Rural Transportation Improvement Program. The RTPO TAC discussed some concepts for the criteria at its December 2007 meeting. In response to that discussion, MRCOG staff has developed a draft set of criteria and a draft Project Identification Form which we may want to use to gather the information needed to apply the criteria, as it has been developed so far.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss these draft materials and tp develop revisions and refinements to them. Please come prepared to discuss the attached drafts and to propose amendments.

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**Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations
SCREENING AND EVALUATION CRITERIA
MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

PROJECT TITLE & LOCATION:_____

Lead Agency:_____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:**_____

Step 1. Screening Criteria

Item	Criteria	Evaluation	Guidance & Standards
1	Is the project consistent with the current RTPO Long Range Transportatio Plan?	Yes, No or N/A	2007 RTPO LRTP
2	Is the project eligible for the requested federal aid program?	Yes, No or N/A	FHWA “A Guide to Federal-Aid Programs & Projects” (May 99) and FTA Circulars
3	Is the project eligible for the requested State aid program?	Yes, No or N/A	Local Government Handbook
4	Does the project include a reasonable cost estimate and funding plan?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
5	Can the project meet NEPA, design, ROW and/or construction letting milestones within the STIP time frame?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form From Agency Plans/Programs
6	Federal Requirements: Will the completed project comply with ADA requirements?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
	Will the project include public involvement?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form
	Will the project comply with Title VI requirements?	Yes, No or N/A	Project Form

Step 2. Quantitative Criteria

Project Type: (Check one) ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian ☐ Roadway – Expansion
 ☐ Enhancements ☐ Roadway – Preservation
 ☐ Transit ☐ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
 ☐ Plans/Studies ☐ Transportation System Management (TSM)
 ☐ Travel Demand Management (TDM)

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Goal	Proposed Criteria	Low	Medium	High
A.	Part of existing network			
B.	Addresses capacity needs			
C.	Addresses safety and security issues			
D.	Preserves physical and cultural environments			
E.	Provides for public transportation, multimodal and/or intermodal needs			
F.	Reduces travel distances and/or promotes energy conservation			

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**Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations
SCREENING AND EVALUATION CRITERIA
MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RTPO**

PROJECT TITLE:_____

Project Location (Facility And Termini): _____

Lead Agency:_____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail:**_____

Project Description and Justification:_____

Project's Priority for Lead Agency: _____

Project Type: (Check one)

☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian

☐ Roadway – Expansion

☐ Enhancements

☐ Roadway – Preservation

☐ Transit

☐ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

☐ Plans/Studies

☐ Transportation System Management (TSM)

☐ Travel Demand Management (TDM)

Step 1. Project Screening

1. Is the project consistent with the current RTPO Long Range Transportation Plan? (circle one)

Yes No N/A Explain:_____

2 & 3. Funds for which the project is eligible

☐ Federal (please identify) _____

☐ State (please identify): _____

4. Cost estimate and funding plan. Cost estimate: \$_____

Funding Plan:

Phase/Year	Funding Source	Amount	Match Source	Match Amt.

5. Project Readiness

<u>CODE</u>	Factor	Code	Expected Completion Date, if Coded #1 or #2.	Comments
1 = Not Yet Addressed	Right-of-Way			
2 = In Process	Environmental Clearances			
3 = Complete	Archaeological Clearances			
N/A = Not Applicable	Public Involvement			
	Design			
	Matching Funds Availability			

6. A. Will the completed project comply with ADA requirements? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

B. Will the project include public involvement? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

C. Will the project comply with Title VI requirements? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

Step 2. Quantitative Criteria

A. Is the project part of the existing transportation network? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

B. Does the project address capacity needs? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

C. Does the project address safety and security issues? (circle one) Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

D. Does the project preserve the physical and cultural environments? (circle one) Yes No
N/A

Explain: _____

E. Does the project provide for public transportation, multimodal and/or intermodal needs? (circle one)
Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

F. Does the project reduce travel distances and/or promote energy conservation? (circle one)
Yes No N/A

Explain: _____

RESPONSE TO PLANNING FACTORS

Below are the Federally mandated planning factors* for all transportation projects. Check all that apply and provide a brief explanation regarding how the project addresses the factor.

<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Vitality	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety	
<input type="checkbox"/> Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility & Mobility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life, State/Local Consistency	
<input type="checkbox"/> Integration & Connectivity Across Modes	

<input type="checkbox"/> Efficient System Management & Operation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of Existing System	

***Planning Factors Mandated by SAFETEA-LU**

With the passage of TEA-21 in 1998, the 15 metropolitan and 23 statewide planning factors from the old regulations were consolidated into seven factors. With the recent passage of SAFETEA-LU, the factors were expanded to eight, namely safety and security were separated into separate planning factors. In addition, the planning factor on protect/enhance the environment was expanded to include "...promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns". With the passage of SAFETEA-LU, the eight planning factors (for both metro and statewide planning) are:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation, and;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.